THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.8238 2007

Dt:20.04.2007

Between:

Parameswara Trading Company

.. Petitioner

and

The Agricultural Market Committee, Karimnagar District rep., by its Secretary, Karimnagar and another.

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner states that it is carrying on business in agricultural produce in Karimnagar District, for the last several years. With a view to obtain commission agent licence, it submitted an application to the 1st respondent on 04.09.2006. Its grievance is that no action has been taken thereon.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the respondents.

The A.P. (Agricultural Produce and Livestock) Markets Act, 1996 (for short 'the Act') prescribes the procedure for grant and renewal of commission agent

licences. The 1st respondent is the Licensing Authority for the area of its operation. If the petitioner has fulfilled the qualifications and requirements, for grant of commission agent licence, the 1st respondent cannot withhold the same. On the other hand, if the application submitted by the petitioner suffers from any defects, or if there exists any reasons, which disable the petitioner from being granted licences, the 1st respondent is under obligation to communicate such reasons or grounds. He cannot keep the application pending indefinitely.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the 1st respondent to consider the application submitted by the petitioner, in accordance with Section 7(2) of the Act, and take necessary steps within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

20.04.2007

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